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To Whom It May Concern:

The Center for Space Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology submits this Progress Report for NAG5-8063.

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Sincerely,

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I am pleased to be able to report significant progress in my research relevant to my LTSA grant. This progress I believe is demonstrated by a long list of publications in 2002, as detailed below. I summarize the research results my collaborators and I obtained in 2002. First, my group announced the major discovery of soft-gamma-repeater-like X-ray bursts from the anomalous X-ray pulsars 1E~1048.1\$-\$5937 and 1E~2259+586, using the Rossi X-ray Timing Explorer. This result provides an elegant and long-sought-after confirmation that this class of objects and the soft gamma repeaters share a common nature, namely that they are magnetars. Magnetars are a novel manifestation of young neutron stars, quite different from conventional Crab-like radio pulsars. This discovery was made as part of our regular monitoring program, among the goals of which was to detect such outbursts. In addition, the same monitoring program resulted in interesting results for all known anomalous X-ray pulsars on regular timing, pulsed flux monitoring and pulse morphology monitoring that were described in two papers in 2002. In addition, collaborators and I did significant X-ray work on the young radio pulsar PSR B1509-58 and its wind nebula using the Chandra X-ray Observatory, and I also participated in studies of two globular clusters using Chandra. Below is a list of publications related to this research.

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